

Price River Distribution System
Annual Meeting
February 27, 2008

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Tom Bruno. Marc Stilson read the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Gary Sonntag, and seconded by Frank Saccomanno to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

Mr. Bruno asked Commissioner Robert Davis to give a report on his activities during 2007. He indicated that a total of 55,882.51 acre-feet of water was diverted during 2007. Direct flow accounted for 31,297.64 acre-feet, and 24,550.97 acre-feet was diverted from Scofield Reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 25,441.73 acre-feet of direct flow and 21,861.51 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 5,855.91 acre-feet of direct flow and 2,689.46 acre-feet of reservoir water. Helper City diverted 33.90 acre-feet of water from the Colton Well #1 in 2007.

Mr. Davis indicated that peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred May 10, 2007 at 41,969 acre-feet. The low volume occurred on October 12, 2007 at 11,879 acre-feet. He thanked the water users for their support.

Mr. Davis indicated the reservoir elevation will be limited to 7611 feet due to planned construction on the concrete spillway structure. Mr. Davis also recommended to the water users that they maintain good measuring devices and periodically clean out around their points of diversion.

Mr. Sonntag related that the new administrative rules published in 2007 covering distribution systems and river commissioners gave sufficient definition to the job description of river commissioner that no further action would be taken by the committee on this item.

Snotel data indicates the current snowpack is 115% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 112% on White River #1, and 158% on the Indian Canyon course.

Following the report, Dale Mathis made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Frank Saccomanno. The vote was unanimous.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Lee Sim indicated to the distribution committee that the Southeastern Regional Office has been working on automation of the distribution system. Installation of telemetry would allow flow measurements to be read and recorded on a real time basis. Eleven diversion sites on the Price River have been identified for automation. The State will pay the costs of the equipment and installation. Upkeep and maintenance

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of the system would be the responsibility of the distribution system. Mr. Sim related the experience on the Sevier River distribution system and stated the addition of automation to the diversion points allowed for better management of the system and resulted in approximately a 25% increase in the water supply due to increased efficiency in delivery.

A group discussion ensued regarding the historic USGS stream gauge that used to be on the Price River and whether or not it would be possible to put it back into operation. The discussion also included questions on the cost of maintaining the automated recorders.

Mr. Sim next discussed the water right enforcement program. Until this year, the identity of an individual who had submitted an enforcement referral to the division did not have a guarantee of confidentiality. Based upon experience with pursuing enforcement actions and on a review of the GRAMA act, the identity of an informant can be treated as a protected record and be kept confidential.

The 2007 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim. On January 1, 2007, there was \$9,241.29 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2007 included \$25,752.40 in regular assessments, \$1.09 in delinquent penalties, and \$691.64 in interest, for a total of \$26,445.13. Expenditures for the year totaled \$26,641.55. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2007 were \$8,850.06. There are three delinquent accounts in 2007. A motion was made by Dick Lee, and seconded by Bill Butcher, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2008. Mr. Sonntag recommended a 3% cost of living increase in salary and an increase in the travel reimbursement to 50.5 ¢/mile. Further discussion by the group resulted in the following budget:

Commissioner's Salary	\$11,730.00
Social Security	897.00
Retirement (15.27%)	1,844.00
Travel Expense @ 50.5¢/mile	5,830.00
Insurance	5,200.00
State Engineer's Assessment	1,872.00
Telephone Expense	120.00
Annual Report	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
Total:	\$27,893.00

Dale Mathis made a motion to accept the budget. Harold Cunningham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Harold Cunningham made a motion to set the assessment at \$28,000. A second was made by Gary Sonntag. The motion passed.

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Chairman Bruno indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 2008. Frank Saccommanno made a motion to keep the same committee that served in 2007. George Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The committee is composed of the following:

Tom Bruno	Chairman
Harold Cunningham	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative
Dale Mathis	Water Users

Gary Sonntag made a motion that the minutes reflect a vote of appreciation for the work done by Phil Palmer with PRWID in recognition of his pending retirement.

George Cook made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Frank Saccomanno seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Tom Bruno	Committee Chairman, Stowell Canal
Harold Cunningham	PacifiCorp
Dale Mathis	Pioneer II / Carbon Canal
Richard Lee	Carbon Water Conservancy District
Gary Sonntag	Price City
Keith Grogan	Pioneer #1 & Price Wellington Board
Boyd Marsing	Price River Water User's Association
Philip Palmer	PRWID
Jeff Richens	PRWID
Frank Saccomanno	Spring Glen
Scott Mathis	Carbon Canal
Rick Borrell	Carbon Canal
Bill Butcher	PRWU
George Cook	PRWU
Jiana Wells	PRCD Project Coordinator
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
Bob Davis	Price River Commissioner